

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 455A.5(6) and 483A.10, the Natural Resource Commission hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 15, "General License Regulations," Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code section 483A.10 authorizes the Commission to adopt rules governing issuance of licenses. As part of these rules, the Commission is authorized to assess an administrative fee, which shall be forwarded to the Department. This fee shall be used to offset costs incurred in administering the licensing program. See Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6).

This proposed amendment revises the administrative fee charged to customers for most privileges sold through the Electronic Licensing System of Iowa (ELSI) from 50 cents to \$1.50 and includes an administrative fee of \$3.65 for boat registrations and renewals. The Department has executed a new contract with its existing vendor which includes the transition to a new system (ELSI 2). ELSI 2 will incorporate new technology and will be a Web-based system. ELSI 2 will offer a number of improvements to the current system that benefit license sellers and buyers as well as the Department; for example, state-of-the-art equipment allowing for a more user-friendly sales process, speedier transactions, and improved communication with license agents, including electronic newsletters, updates and messaging. Along with the new technology and the benefits that ELSI 2 will bring, the cost of implementing the program will increase as well. For example, the fee that the Department pays to its contractor for most privileges sold will increase from 74 cents to \$1.28 per privilege. Also, the Department will pay a contractor fee of \$3.65 for boat registration, renewal, transfer, and duplicate transactions. The proposed revision will help to offset these costs as well as other administrative costs.

The proposed amendment would revise language in a previous amendment to Chapter 15 adopted by the Commission on May 14, 2009, and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 17, 2009, as **ARC 7852B**. It is anticipated that this previous amendment will become effective on July 22, 2009.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments pertaining to the proposed amendment by 4:30 p.m. on July 21, 2009. Such written materials should be directed to Mark Warren, Department of Natural Resources, Wallace State Office Building, 502 East 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034; fax (515)281-6794; or E-mail Mark.Warren@dnr.iowa.gov. Persons who wish to convey their views orally should contact Mark Warren at (515)281-8907 or at his office on the fourth floor of the Wallace State Office Building.

A public hearing will be held on July 21, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor East Conference Room, Wallace State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the amendment.

Any persons who intend to attend the public hearing and have special requirements, such as those relating to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Department of Natural Resources and advise of specific needs.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 321G, 456A, 462A, 481A, 481B, 482, 483A, 484A, and 484B.

The following amendment is proposed.

Amend rule 571—15.4(483A) as follows:

571—15.4(483A) Administration fee. An administration fee of ~~50 cents~~ \$1.50 per privilege purchased shall be collected from the purchaser at the time of purchase, except upon the issuance of free landowner deer and turkey hunting licenses, free annual hunting and fishing licenses, free lifetime fishing licenses, ~~and free group home fishing licenses, and boat registrations, renewals, transfers, and duplicates.~~ An administrative fee of \$3.65 will be collected from the purchaser at the time of boat registration, renewal, transfer, and duplicate purchases.